

Dairy
Farmers Co Op
of Michigan

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE ✓

Dairy Farmers Co-Op
of Michigan
X Invitation

December 16, 1958

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Mr. Frank E. Fitzsimmons
Secretary-Treasurer
2741 Trumbull Avenue
Detroit 16, Michigan

Dear Frank:

Attached is some correspondence which is self-explanatory.

Jim would like you to try to meet with Mrs. Lloyd and try to keep this group happy and content until such time when he can meet with them.

Fraternally yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to
the General President

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December 16, 1958

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Mrs. Merion M. Lloyd
Recording Secretary
Dairy Farmers Cooperative Assoc.
of Michigan
Box 234 - Route #1
Richmond, Michigan

Dear Madam:

With reference to your communication of December 12th, I certainly appreciate the progress your organization is making, but I deeply regret that my time is so limited with all of the problems facing us, that I must decline any invitations for the near future.

Respectfully yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH/JK/jc

Dairy Farmers Cooperative Association of Michigan

Box 234 — R. 1

Richmond, Michigan

"BARGAINING IS OUR BUSINESS"

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Armada State 4-8408

December 12, 1958

Mr. James R. Hoffa, General President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
C. W. & H. of America,
25 Louisiana Ave., N.W.,
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

On November 17, 1958 we sent you, by registered mail, a letter (copy of which is attached) asking for a meeting with you in Detroit.

We know you have been busy but we earnestly request you give our letter serious consideration. Our officers and some members are making personal contacts with the farmers and they want to know what is wrong. Also we hear from the haulers "What's happened to the Teamsters, I thought we were going to be organized." There is much to be discussed in a personal meeting that it is not possible to write in a letter.

We are holding our next Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, December 20th, and have meetings scheduled after that date in the various counties and would like to be in a position to give out some concrete answers. Our membership is increasing and the farmers are in a receptive mood, so we don't feel we should relax at all in our organizational work.

Won't you please either call us or write us as soon as possible.

Don't forget the farmers are "on wheels" too.

Very truly yours,

DAIRY FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

BY Marion M. Lloyd
Marion M. Lloyd, Recording Secretary

cc: Mr. Brunson Gilbert

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Nov. 17, 1958

Mr. James R. Hoffa, General President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
C. W. & P. of America,
25 Louisiana Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

At our first Board of Directors meeting Nov. 12th after our Convention Nov. 8th, there was considerable discussion regarding affiliation with the Teamsters International Union, and the outcome was that I was requested to set up a meeting with you in the Teamsters Headquarters in Detroit, Mich.

If it would meet with your approval, our entire Board would like to be present at that meeting. This has been discussed with Mr. Brunson Gilbert, President of Milk Drivers Local No. 155 and he suggested we write you setting up the meeting with himself and Mr. C. Gil Rasmussen also in attendance.

We know you are a very busy person and tied up with many conferences, etc. but we hope, sincerely, that you will be able to find the time to meet with a sincere group of dairy men dedicated to the task of helping the dairy farmers on to a better way of life.

Thank you very much for sending Mr. Bernard J. Marcus, Director of Organization to represent you at our State Convention. We gave new hope to a capacity crowd and left the real impression that you are the dairy farmers friend.

We shall be looking forward to a meeting with you at an early date.

Very truly yours,

DAIRY FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

BY

(Name) Marion M. Floyd, Recording Sec.

cc: Mr. Brunson Gilbert.

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Mr. John Backhus, Vice President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
N. W. Corner, 11th & Chew Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Dairy Farmers Co-Op of Pa.
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Re Dairy Farmers Cooperative Association's
meeting please send Cartwright in your place.

James R. Hoffa,
General President

Send the above message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

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November 5, 1958

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Mr. John Backhus, Vice President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
N. W. Corner 11th and Chew Sts.
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear John:

Attached is a speaking invitation extended to me
by the Dairy Farmers Cooperative Association of
Michigan.

At the present time, it appears that I will be unable to
keep this engagement. I am wondering if you could
arrange your schedule to appear in my stead.

Fraternaly yours,

James R. Hoffa,
General President

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November 3, 1958

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Mrs. Marloo M. Lloyd, Rec.-Sec.
Daly Farmers Cooperative
Box 234 - R. 1
Richmond, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Lloyd:

Thank you for your note of October 25th in respect to my possible speaking engagement at your annual convention on November 8th. At the present time our Union has a very important court case pending November 5 and 6 at which I must be in attendance. This may possibly extend to the 8th in which event I will be unable to be a speaker at your convention. I am, therefore, unable to confirm definitely my appearance.

In the event I am unable to make it, I shall try to arrange for one of our Vice Presidents of the International Union to be with you.

Faternally yours,

James R. Hoffa,
General President

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Dairy Farmers Cooperative Association of Michigan

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Richmond, Michigan

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Oct. 27, 1958

Mr. James E. Hoffa, President
International Teamsters Union,
28 Wisconsin, West
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

Confirming our recent telephone conversation, the Dairy Farmers Cooperative Association of Michigan is holding their Annual Convention on Saturday, December 6th, 1958 in the Junior High School, Teller Blvd. (Corner 11th and Wilcox Street, Rochester, Mich.) at the meeting to start promptly at 10:30 A.M. As you were told on the telephone we would like you to be the principle speaker in the morning session.

We understand from our conversation with you that you will make every effort to be there and we want you to know we appreciate very much that you will try to find the time to speak to our members. As you know we are in the throes of reorganization and a good pep talk should certainly help out.

We would appreciate your letting us know Friday night if you are free to come.

Did we understand you correctly when you said if you could not be there you would send one of your assistants. Mr. Millert and Mr. Wasmeler expect to be there but we presume you would send someone from the International in your place. Are we correct in this assumption?

Thank you again for taking time out to talk with us when you are so busy in Washington. This, in itself, let's one know that you are sincerely working for the interests of the common man.

Very truly yours,

DAIRY FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

BY Marion M. Lloyd

(Mrs) Marion M. Lloyd, Recording Secretary